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## FRANCE WELCOMES NEW BRITISH DISARMAMENT FORMULA

### GENEVA NOT SURPRISED AT ARMISTICE

Obvious Disparity of Military Force.

AN END OF BLOODSHED WELCOMED

Geneva, To-day.

The news of the impending Sino-Japanese Armistice has caused no surprise at Geneva. It has become increasingly evident lately that there was no possibility of China maintaining the struggle, militarily, against Japan's superior organisation and mechanisation.

Therefore League circles welcome the report that bloodshed is to be ended.

It is not yet known whether there will be any political conditions to the Armistice.

It is felt here that China, of course, is free to dispose of her territory as she chooses, but if China, while signing the truce nevertheless stands on her rights in Manchuria, the attitude of the League will not be affected by such local arrangement.—Reuter.

### Peking Quiet.

Peking, To-day.

All is quiet here and there have been no further developments.—Reuter.

### Traffic Going To Dairen.

VLADIVOSTOK'S TRADE NOW DEAD.

Harbin, To-day.

The serious effect which the suspension of through traffic via the Chinese Eastern Railway has had upon Vladivostok is shown in a report stating that this once-flourishing port is almost dead as far as trade is concerned.

On the other hand, returns reveal that freight traffic to Dairen via the South Manchuria Railway is increasing steadily.—Reuter.

### CURRENCY TRUCE

Mr. Baldwin Dislikes The Term.

OPEN TO MISAPPREHENSION

London, To-day.

Answering a question as to whether negotiations were in progress for a currency truce during the period of the World Economic Conference, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Lord President of the Council, in Parliament yesterday, said that it would be inconvenient to make a statement as to any general questions which might, from time to time, come under the informal discussions between Governments in anticipation of the Conference.

He deprecated the term, currency truce, which seemed to be open to misapprehension.—British Wireless Service.

### ARMISTICE SIGNATORY PASSES

London, To-day.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Wester of Wemyss, died yesterday morning at Cannes, aged 69 years. He, with the late Marshal Foch, on behalf of Allies, signed the Armistice which brought the Great War to an end.—British Wireless Service.

## LITTLE ENTENTE MAY LEAVE LEAGUE

### UNEASINESS CREATED BY 4-POWER PACT

French Attempts At Conciliation.

STRONG INFLUENCE ON ARMS CONFERENCE

Geneva, To-day.

The private discussions and agitations regarding the Four Power Pact during the past few days, are believed to be exercising a strong, if covert, influence on the Disarmament deliberations.

M. Paul Boncour French Foreign Minister, yesterday evening conversed with Sir John Simon at length regarding the problem.

According to French sources, Britain is opposed to any reference to Article Sixteen, the Sanctions Clause, of the League Covenant in the Four Power Pact, while France is pressing her hardest for reference to the Article, with the view, "inter alia," of making the Pact more palatable to Poland and the Little Entente.—Reuter.

### Little Entente Threat.

MAY LEAVE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Geneva, To-day.

It is reported here, that Dr. Benes yesterday told Sir John Simon that if the Four-Power Pact is signed, all members of the Little Entente will leave the League of Nations.—Reuter.

## CANTON FAVOURS RESISTANCE

Kwangtung Chairman's Interview.

"CHINA MUST UPHOLD HER PRESTIGE"

"The South-western provinces will never agree to any Sino-Japanese truce that is based on terms that will humiliate China in the eyes of the world," declared Mr. Lin Yun-koy, Chairman of the Kwangtung Government and member of the South-western Political Council, when he reaffirmed the Council's decision, in an interview with the "China Mail" yesterday.

"As far as the South-western provinces are concerned they will resist the Japanese invasion to their utmost and will render every support to the Central Government," he said.

"We cannot contemplate for one moment, a policy of non-resistance. The opinion of the South-western Government is the solid opinion of the people."

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### CHANCELLOR'S EMPIRE DAY SPEECH IN LONDON

Ottawa Prepares Road For Wider Agreement

London, To-day.

Speaking at the Empire Day luncheon, yesterday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said that the Ottawa Conference had set an example and had shown the way towards a view of economic cooperation which would prepare the road for success in an even wider agreement among the people of the world.—British Wireless Service.

## CONSULTATIVE PACT PROPOSED

POWERS WILL DECIDE DISPUTES

AMERICA PROMISES INDEPENDENT CO-OPERATION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A NEW DRAFT OF THE FORMULA FOR A CONSULTATIVE PACT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE, WAS PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL COMMISSION OF THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AT GENEVA, YESTERDAY, BY SIR JOHN SIMON, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY. IT REPRESENTS A MODIFICATION OF THE SECURITY SECTION OF THE BRITISH DRAFT CONVENTION.

The most important Articles of the new draft propose that in the event of a breach or threat of a breach, of the Pact of Paris, the League Council or Assembly, or one of the parties to the convention not members of the League, may propose an immediate consultation between the Council or the Assembly and any of the said parties.

In the event of a threat of a breach, it shall be the object of consultation to exchange views for the purpose of preserving peace. In the event of a breach, the object shall be to use good offices for the restoration of peace. If it proves impossible thus to restore peace, the object shall then be to determine which party or parties to the dispute, are to be held responsible.

Sir John Simon explained that the Articles were more strongly worded than in the original, because for the first time the United States had consented to associate itself with European affairs.

Mr. Norman Davis, the American Envoy, said that the United States proposed to set forth its policy by a unilateral declaration in a form somewhat similar to the following.

"Recognising that any threat of a breach or a breach of the Pact of Paris, is a matter of concern to the signatories, the United States Government declares, that in the event of a breach, or a threat, it will be prepared to confer, with a view to interceding for peace, in the event of consultations with other Powers for this purpose being arranged pursuant to the appropriate Article of this Disarmament convention.

"In the event of a decision determining the aggressor, following such a consultation, and in event of the United States Government agreeing with this in its independent judgment, it will undertake to refrain from any action and to withhold its protection from its citizens who might engage in activities which tend to defeat the collective effort which the States, in collective consultation, may think it necessary to decide upon against the aggressor."

M. Paul Boncour, French Foreign Minister, congratulated Sir John Simon and Mr. Davis, and welcomed the new formula as a great step towards the peace of the world.—British Wireless Service.

### KING'S FAT STOCK PRIZES.

Successes At London's Agricultural Show.

London, To-day.

For the first time for nearly 30 years, an Agricultural Show is being held in London suburb. About 40 acres of Wimbledon Common have been reserved for the Show, which is promoted by the North and West and Southern Counties Agricultural Society.

His Majesty the King yesterday won 177 first prizes and one third in the Championship prize for the best cow or heifer in three classes.—British Wireless Service.

### Definition Of Aggressor.

FIVE ACTIONS CONSTITUTE BREACH OF PACT.

Geneva, To-day.

The definition of an aggressor has been laid down by the Securities Sub-Committee, established here to examine Part One of the British draft Disarmament convention.

The Committee report enumerated five actions constituting aggression.

Firstly, a declaration of war.

Secondly, invasion by armed forces without the declaration of war.

Thirdly, a land, sea or air attack on a State or its vessels or aircraft.

Fourthly, the establishment of a naval blockade of a State's coast or ports.

Fifthly, support given to armed bands which invaded another State's territory.

It is interesting to note that these definitions are based on Soviet suggestions. An annex to the report lays down the ground on which active aggression is justified, while another annex provides for the setting up of a Commission of five members for establishing facts concerning reported acts of aggression.—Reuter.

### Germany's Right Of Equality.

WANTED IN WRITING.

The discussion on the revised British plan proceeded throughout yesterday afternoon.

The German delegate, Dr. Nollath, said the Germany was willing to accept the British plan, but strongly urged that the German right of equality should be specifically rendered in writing and incorporated in the text of the pact.—British Wireless Service.

SIR JOHN SIMON RETURNS TO LONDON.

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, left London by air for Birmingham yesterday afternoon, and will be absent from London for about 10 days.—British Wireless Service.



The F.A. Cup Final at Wembley, April 29.—The Duchess of York, watched by the Duke, presenting the Cup to the Everton team after their victory in the Cup Final over Manchester City. —(S. & G.)

### U.S. NAVY TO MAINTAIN FULL STRENGTH

"Rotating Reserve" Economy Measure Abandoned.

Washington, To-day.

The plan to place one-third of the United States Navy on "Rotating reserve," has been abandoned, at least for the present.

The cut, which included all combatant ships and naval aircraft, was announced on May 16. The complement affected by the proposal would have been placed on the reserve commission basis.—Reuter.

## 3 CHINESE LYNCHED IN MEXICO

Anti-Chinese Boycott By Rioters.

Mexico City, To-day.

Three Chinese have been lynched at Villahana and riots accompanied by an anti-Chinese boycott are extending through Chihuahua State. Mexicans of Chihuahua City, armed with truncheons, barred Chinese vegetable farmers from entering the city, while others picketed Chinese shops.

Police quelled many fist fights at Juarez.—Reuter.

### BRITISH TRADE WITH JAPAN.

Tokyo Conditions Stated.

COTTON GOODS ONLY

Tokyo, To-day.

At a joint conference of Cotton Industrialists and Government officials an agreement was reached to accept the British proposal for an Anglo-Japanese trade parity conditionally.

Firstly, that it deal only with cotton goods.

Secondly, that the British Government co-operate for the purpose of making it more effective.

Thirdly, that there would be a guarantee that no further tariff rises would be made in British possessions.—Reuter.

### KING RECEIVES FRENCH AMBASSADOR

London, To-day.

The newly appointed French Ambassador, Monsieur Corbin, was received by His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday afternoon, and presented his letter of credence.—British Wireless Service.

## MARITIME CUSTOMS HAZARDS

Smugglers' Attacks Described.

MANSLAUGHTER TRIAL EVIDENCE

Hallums On The Stand

Mark William Hallums, an ex-officer of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who is charged at the Criminal Sessions before Mr. Justice Wood, with the manslaughter of Ng Koo, a Chinese girl, who was killed during an armed encounter between a three masted trading junk T-2150-H and the Customs cruiser Kwan Lui on April 1, concluded his evidence in the witness box this morning.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, who is appearing for the accused stated at Tuesday's hearing that his case would be based on two counts of self-defence and pure accident.

His Lordship, however, ruled that there was only one defence in law, and that if a man discharged a lethal weapon, the fact that the shot was deflected and killed someone was no defence, unless the firing was done in self-defence.

Mr. J. A. Fraser is appearing for the Crown. Hallums in his previous evidence had stated that he joined the Maritime Customs in 1920 after leaving the Navy.

At this morning's hearing, Hallums in answer to His Lordship, stated that although a revolver was carried on board, he himself was unarmed at the time of the incident.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fraser, accused said the launch was carrying rifles at the time.

Mr. Fraser: "Why then did you use the three-pounder if you were carrying rifles on board?" Hallums: "I used the three-pounder because it made more noise, and would have been more effective than rifles in scaring the people and preventing them from throwing things at me."

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### PRIME MINISTER FLIES TO LOSSIEMOUTH

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, left London by air for Lossiemouth yesterday afternoon, and will be absent from London for about 10 days.—British Wireless Service.

## IMPROVING TRADE WITH SOUTH CHINA

Fair Will Strengthen Relations.

KWANGTUNG OFFICIAL IMPRESSED

Interest In British Machinery

"An excellent display, and one that brings home to the Chinese people the vast resources of the British Empire," declared Mr. Lin Yun-koy, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, commenting on the Empire Products Fair, which opened yesterday.

In an exclusive interview with the China Mail, Mr. Lin declared that the Fair would undoubtedly have a good effect on the trade between the Colony and Kwangtung province, where British goods, already, were given first preference.

"It would be invidious to select any particular section or stall for comment," he said, "but, of course, the section in which I was particularly interested, was the machinery section, both light and heavy, for British machinery is largely used, and is likely to be even more largely used in the future, in the reconstruction of Kwangtung province."

"We have found from past experience that British machinery has no equal, and the excellent service, and the integrity of the British dealers has placed British equipment, both electrical and industrial, to the forefront of the Chinese market."

"There is every reason to believe that the cordial relations between the two markets will continue, and it is such functions as this Fair that serve to strengthen these relations."

"Many projects for provincial reconstruction are at present being contemplated, including a hydro-electric power plant to supply Canton and Kwangtung province, and a large spinning mill. It is also hoped to double the road mileage during the next 18 months."

"Although no contract has yet been allotted for the power plant, the estimated cost of which is \$36,000,000, plans have been discussed with British concerns in Hong Kong." Mr. Lin added that the organisers and committee of the Empire Fair were to be congratulated on the result of their efforts.

## SILVER STRONG ON WALL ST.

Better Tone In All Stocks.

BOTTOM PRICES ADVANCE THEN WEAKEN

New York, To-day.

Silver was active and strong on the New York Market yesterday. Buying was good in sympathy with better tone in other markets. The trade bought and held operators sold distant positions.

General business was good. 4,710,000 shares being dealt in. In that market, reports, Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company, through their local agents, Messrs. Asia Land, Ltd., state: "Fresh buying was naturally attracted by the market going into new higher grounds."

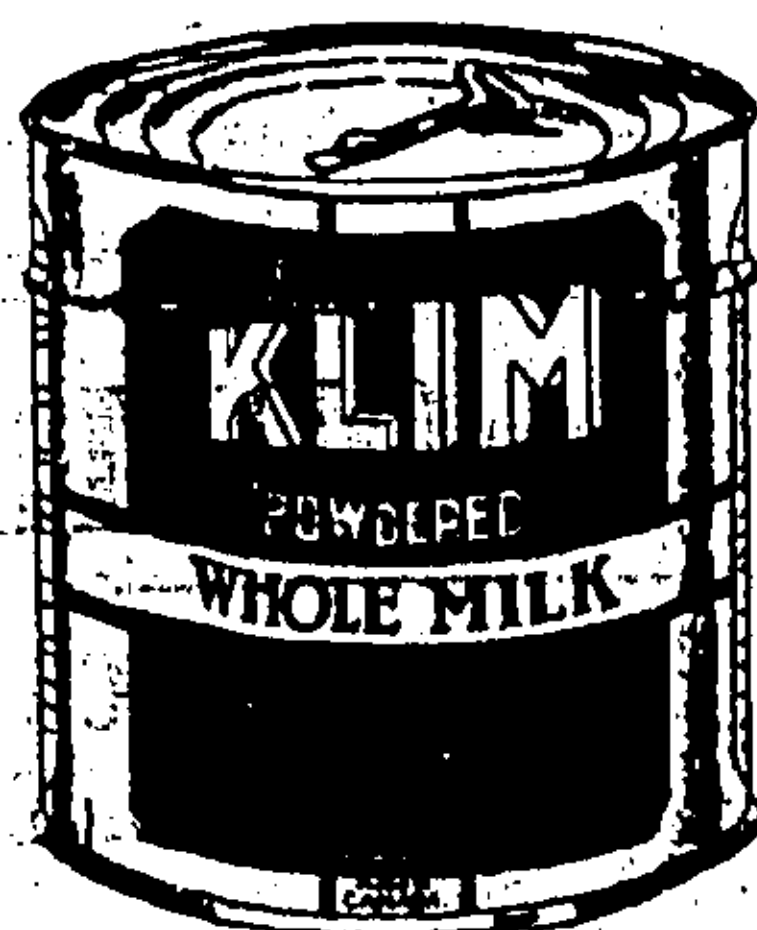
"It does not look as though the advance has culminated and nothing would indicate that general profit-taking should be begun on the part of speculation in the silver market."

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# The WOMAN'S Page



## THE COW'S FINEST PRODUCT.

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### EMPIRE FAIR LUNCHEON.

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#### EMPIRE MENU.

A "T" shaped table seating 60 occupied the whole of the centre of the Roof Garden and was beautifully decorated with flowers, the predominating colour being red. Palms on pedestals made a handsome border enclosing the area in which the lunch party was seated. Light music was discoursed by a small orchestra in the balcony and the quiet comfort of the party was in striking contrast to the busy scene in the ground floor rooms of the hotel.

At the conclusion of lunch the Chairman proposed the toasts of "The King" and "The Republic of China."

The following was the menu:  
Les Ravières des Gastronomes  
Consomme en Tasse  
Saumon d'Ecosse Poche  
Sauce Hollandaise  
Salade de Concombres

Pommes Persillées  
Chaud-froid de Volaille Royale  
Selle d'Agneau Braisée  
Petits Fois à la Menthé  
Pommes Chateau

Bombe Impériale  
Les Friandises Miladi  
Les Mangues Peninsula  
Café Diable

After lunch the Chairman led His Excellency the Governor, the Canton visitors, H.B.M. Acting Consul General at Canton and others on a tour of inspection of the Fair. Lady Peel, who did not feel equal to making a complete tour of the Exhibition, was accommodated in a private suite in the Hotel, but paid a short visit to the New Territories Section.



### Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

(Fish in the menu)  
Browned Fish. Tartar Sauce  
Buttered Potatoes  
Creamed Onions  
Bread Butter  
Year Salad  
Sponge Cake Dessert Coffee

Browned Fish, Serving Three.  
2 pounds fish  
1 1/2 cup flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
5 tablespoons fat  
Have fish well cleaned and cut into serving pieces. Wash in cold water and wipe dry. Sprinkle fish with flour, salt and paprika. Heat fat in frying pan. Add and quickly brown fish. Cover and cook 15 minutes.

Tartar Sauce.  
1/2 cup stiff mayonnaise  
1 tablespoon chopped parsley  
1/2 teaspoon chopped onions  
1/2 teaspoon chopped olives  
1/2 teaspoon chopped pickles  
Mix and chill ingredients. Serve in small glass dish.

Creamed Onions.  
6 medium sized onions. Water  
Wash and peel onions. Cover with 3 inches cold water. Bring to boil, drain and rinse onions in cold water. Again cover with cold water and bring to boiling point. Drain and cover with 4 inches cold water. Let boil for 15 minutes or until onions are tender when tested with fork. Drain well, rinse with hot water and add to sauce.

Sauce.  
3 tablespoons butter  
3 tablespoons flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
1 1/2 cups milk

Melt butter and add flour. Blend and add rest of ingredients and cook until creamy sauce forms. Stir constantly during cooking. 15 to 30 minutes at a stretch.

Add hot onions and serve at once.  
Sponge Cake Dessert.  
3 slices sponge cake  
1 cup sliced bananas  
1/2 cup sliced oranges  
1/2 cup shredded coconut  
1/2 cup sugar  
Arrange cake on serving plates. Top with rest of ingredients. Serve at once with fork.  
The dessert becomes more festive if topped with boiled custard or whipped cream.

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The best time for using friction is in the morning and the evening, when the stomach is not distended with food and the proper length of time for continuing it, is from 15 to 30 minutes at a stretch.



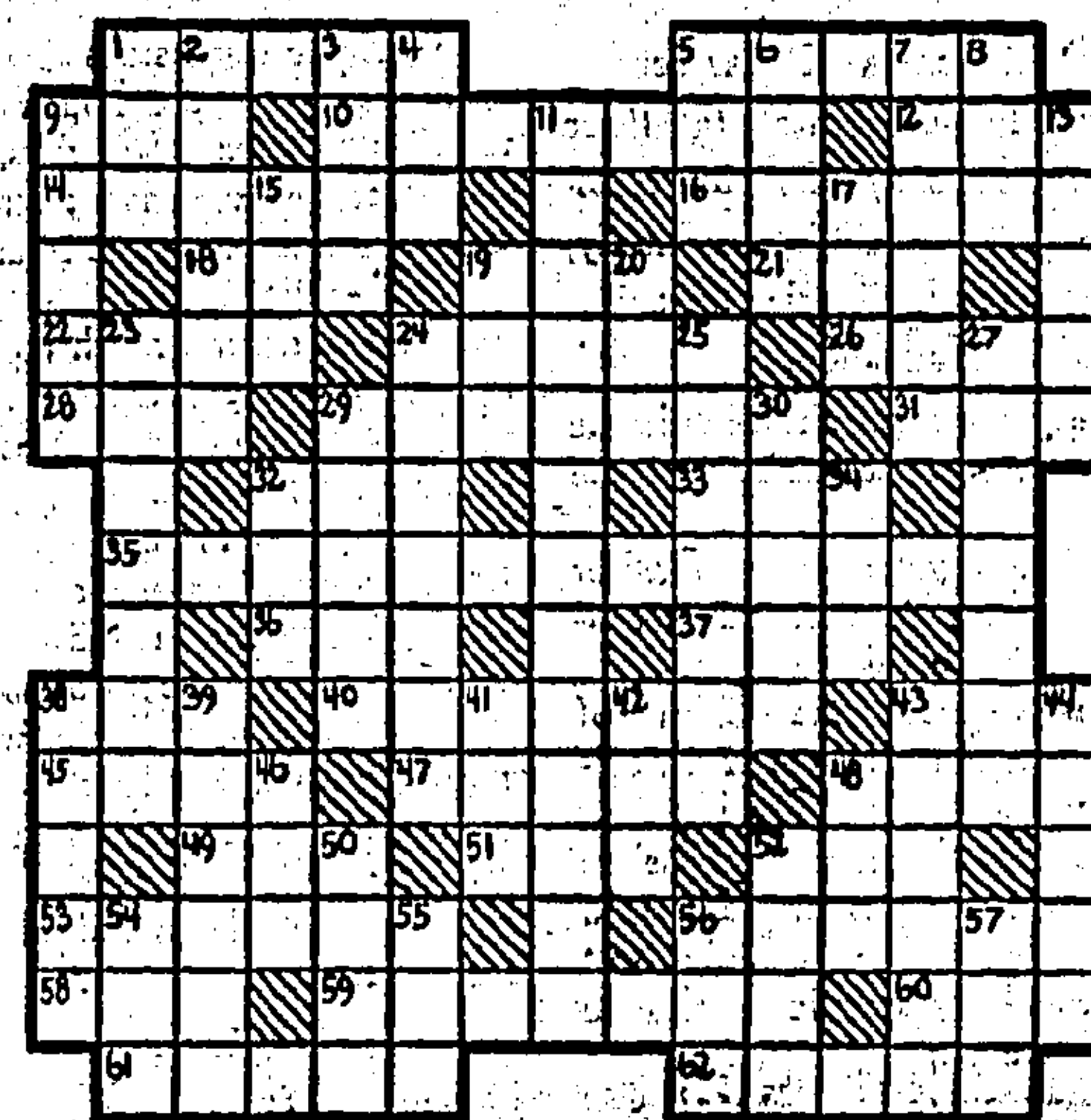
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### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



#### HORIZONTAL

1-Fashion  
6-Bunches of straw  
8-Atmosphere  
10-Demand a repetition  
12-Of age (Lat. abbr.)  
14-Permitted to live  
16-Gentle  
18-Kind of lettuce  
19-A month (abbr.)  
21-Turn  
22-A causeway  
24-A bitter drug  
26-Snakes  
28-A letter  
29-Allure  
31-Speck  
32-Do  
34-Part of the body  
36-Duplicate  
38-Territory (abbr.)  
40-A beverage  
42-A dance  
44-Jeared  
46-Combining form.  
48-Air  
50-One time  
52-More lucid  
54-A set of Japanese boxes

#### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

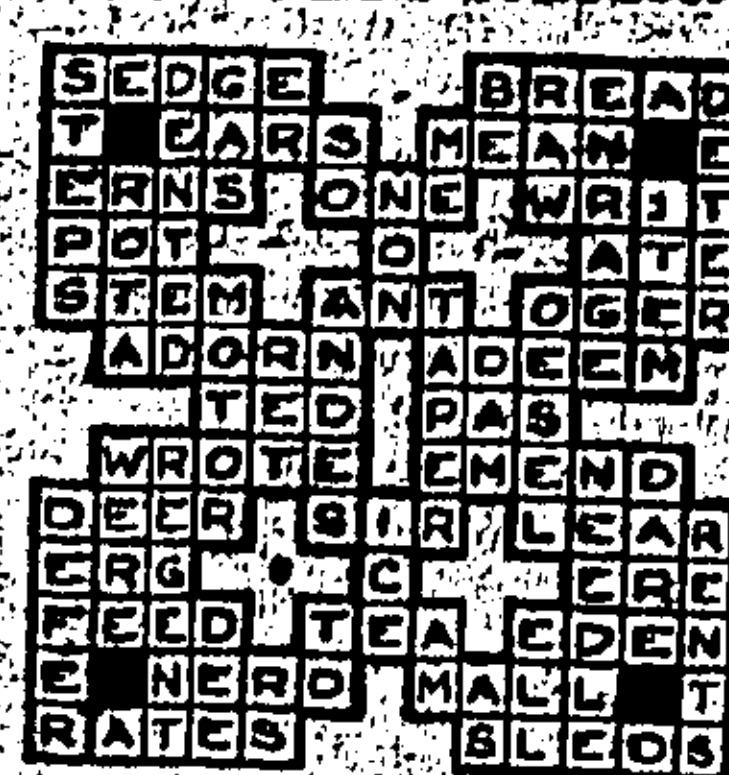
49-Antarctic Circle (abbr.)  
51-Golf mound  
52-A container  
53-Extreme fright  
54-A school of horsemanahip  
55-Sainte (abbr.)  
56-A contrivance for roasting  
60-The (Fr.)  
62-Auphousness  
64-Laps  
66-Data in Roman calendar  
7-Wadded  
8-To one side.  
9-Auspiciousness  
11-Laps  
13-Fish eggs  
17-Prefic. West  
19-High (Mus.)

#### VERTICAL (Cont.)

20-Grassy meadow  
22-Referring to Ietria  
24-Agreed to recognize  
25-Spread  
27-Device for browning bread  
29-A land measure (pl.)  
30-Attempted  
32-Silly  
34-An extinct bird of New Zealand  
36-Supports  
38-Frightened  
41-Cosume  
42-Wild (Scot.)  
43-Person with angelic qualities  
44-A flower (pl.)  
46-Origin of hearing  
48-Boy's name  
50-Heart  
52-Barren  
54-A Greek letter  
56-A measure of length  
58-Joined  
59-To turn to the right

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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As the mode always seems to require some definite difference between formal and informal fashions, gowns for grands soirs are taking to themselves the high necks and veiled shoulders that used to be associated with end-of-the-day frocks.

### SLEEVELESS BLOUSE JACKETS.

#### Something New In Accessories.

Bruyere's embroidered sleeveless blouse-jackets are something new in the way of end-of-the-day accessories. She has had success with the Indian lacquer-red one, embroidered all over in sequin squares; it is worn with a plain backless frock of red crepe satin.

Her all-over blue is also very good for the purpose of transformation. They can be made to cover the décolletage. Marcel Rochas makes similar affairs, and Inness and their staying in place by putting eyelets in front and back through which a belt or sash is passed.

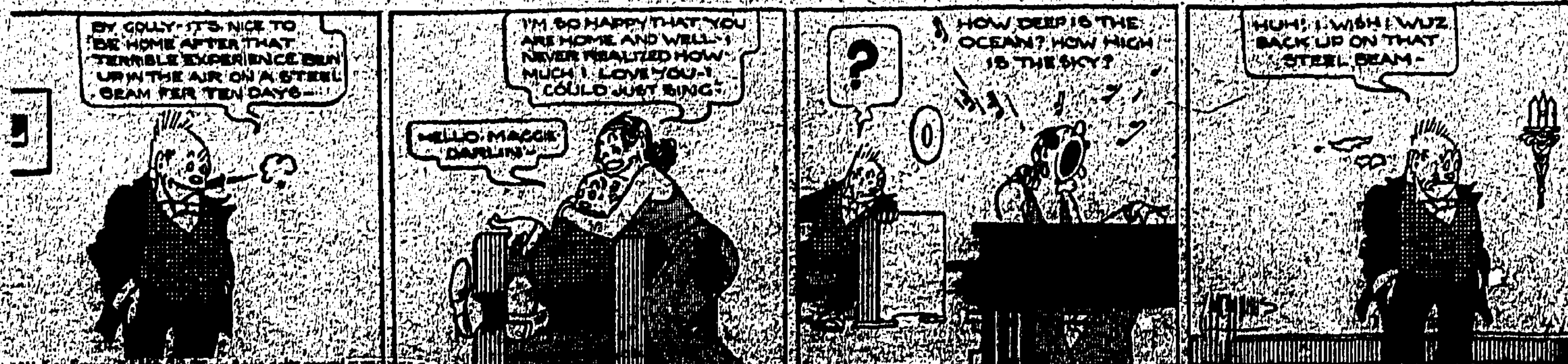
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Hong Kong, May 22, 1933.

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Hong Kong, May 22, 1933.

## BRIDGE NOTES

### A RIDICULOUS CHARGE.

DIRECT AND APPROACH SYSTEMS.  
(By CAPT. LINDSAY MUNDY)

Much amusement is being afforded me just now by a half-hearted attempt that is being made in the current Press to include me in the ranks of Approach-bidders, or at least to ascribe to me Approach-bidding tendencies.

All my writings, all my practices, and the very name I have given to my system—Direct—surely prove the exact opposite. The theory of Approach-bidding is to start the bidding low and gradually disclose the strength held. The basis of the Direct system is to make the first bid disclose as accurately as possible the total strength of the hand.

The excuse put forward for this peculiar suggestion concerning myself is that I have incorporated a club convention in my system. It is argued that to start the bidding at Two Clubs—which I did before the introduction, announced a fortnight ago, of my new Three Minor convention—on a hand which is either quite or very nearly strong enough to make game on its own, is in effect approach-bidding, because it starts the bidding low.

Disclosing Strength.  
That is a thesis which I cannot admit. The bid is in entire consonance with the precept of making the first bid disclose the full strength of the hand, although it only discloses it without bidding it. So that in reality, it is obvious that the use of either a Two Club or a "Three Minor" convention, so far from being a proof of approach tendencies, is a decisive example of directness in bidding. It will be readily seen that the American official system, often referred to as the Two-Club system—not convention—which replaces the opening Forcing Two by the Two Club, and thereby restores the natural, or intermediate Two bid to its normal use, has gone a long way towards deserting approach principles in favour of direct ones.

America's Borrowing.  
Several correspondents have written to me to point out that America is further borrowing ideas from my Direct System by the increase importance Americans are beginning to give to distributional values in the opener's as well as the responder's hand, so that in course of time I fully expect to find them making another "earth-shaking discovery"—this was the term they applied to the restitution to the game of the normal Two-bid—namely, that it is not essential to hold two and a half Honour-tricks to qualify to open.

Mr. Sims, indeed, already admits this, I believe, though curiously enough he limits it to the positions of third or fourth in hand, in which position he opens weaker than when first or second in hand, which is exactly opposite to the practice hitherto universally employed. There are also signs of the No Trump bid being recognised in America as a strong bid instead of as a very weak opening bid or a denial bid when used in response. The Culbertson system used it as an opening bid with two and a half Honour tricks, when the hand contained no biddable suit, but has now restricted this to the non-vulnerable position. When vulnerable a holding of four Honour tricks is now required. This seems to me to be going to the opposite extreme; but it is all to the good that this No-Trump bid should take its rightful place as a strong, not a weak, bid.

Two Hands.  
A correspondent asks for my views on the bidding of two hands. Here is the first one:

S-K J x D-x x x x  
H-A K Q C-x x x

His partner opened with One No-Trump and the next player passed.

The bidding employed was South One No-Trump, North Two, South Four. Twelve tricks were made, the Knave of Clubs lying wrong, but the King of Clubs right.

This was terrible under-bidding by South, while North was blameless, having no more than the necessary strength to raise the One bid to Two. South has a count of 23, a very strong Two No-Trump bid. He would be wiser not to employ the Club convention, as he does not want to play the hand in Three if his partner has a blank. Even one King in dummy would scarcely be enough for game.

North would naturally raise the opening Two No-Trumps to Four, and South equally certainly would bid Six.

The fact that any difficulty should have been experienced in bidding these hands goes a long way to show the necessity of laying down valuation standards for opening bids and first responses.

An Inter-League Match.

On April 28, 29 and 30 I shall be playing at Amsterdam for the British Bridge League against the Dutch Bridge League. This will be the first inter-league match to be held. There will be eight players on each side, so that it will be a quadruplicate match, that is to say the same cards will be held in four rooms instead of in two.

Our team will consist of the four players who, led by Mr. Lederer, won the Gold Cup this year, Mr. Frank England and a partner, Capt. Kempson and myself.

### SHANGHAI'S POPULATION

REACHES 3,132,065;  
FIFTH WORLD CITY

The population of Greater Shanghai, ranked as the fifth city, was 3,132,065 at the end of March according to statistics compiled by the Bureau of Public Safety of the City Government.

According to the March census, 1,689,390 persons were living in Chinese-controlled territory. They include 9,463 foreigners. The census for the Chinese-controlled territory showed an increase of 22,566 persons as compared with the figures of the previous month.

The International Settlement and French Concession figures, apparently based on a census conducted in 1931, were given as 1,007,868 and 434,807 respectively.

## RADIO

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

12.30 p.m.—European programme of Victor & H.M.V. records.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.

2 p.m.—Close Down.

6-8 p.m.—European programme.

6-6.18 p.m.—

Ballet Egyptian Suite (Luligni),

New Light Symphony Orchestra

C1254/C1255.

6.13-6.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy.

The Maid of the Mountain,

The London Palladium

Orchestra C1881.

Vocal Gems—

Dear Love,

Light Opera Company C1809.

Selection—

No, No, Nanette.

New Mayfair Orchestra C1837.

Vocal Gems—

The Three Musketeers,

Light Opera Company C1899.

6.45-7.25 p.m.—

Closing Local Stock Quotations,

etc.).

## A SIX-OUNCE EGG

Milan.  
An egg weighing nearly six ounces and with a lateral diameter of three inches has been laid by a hen at Viareggio. This is the second unusually large egg which this hen has laid.—Reuter.

## MARRIAGE OFFERS IN VIENNA.

Butcher's Heart And Hand For \$45.

Vienna.  
Strange marriage offers are made in the Vienna newspaper. Here are three:—  
Butcher offers heart and hand to the girl who can find him \$45. Reply "Good Existence 863."

What man yearns for a woman of 36 with profession, good income and a flat? Reply "Christmas Rose 827."

Really handsome Aryan seeks nice girl with money for building up his business. Reply "Happy, ideal, Family Luck 803."—Reuter.

## THE SMARTEST SMUGGLER

Singapore.  
Police here have discovered a quantity of illicit native wine which had been smuggled into the country from Siam.  
The wine had been hidden—in a india-rubber elephant.—Reuter.

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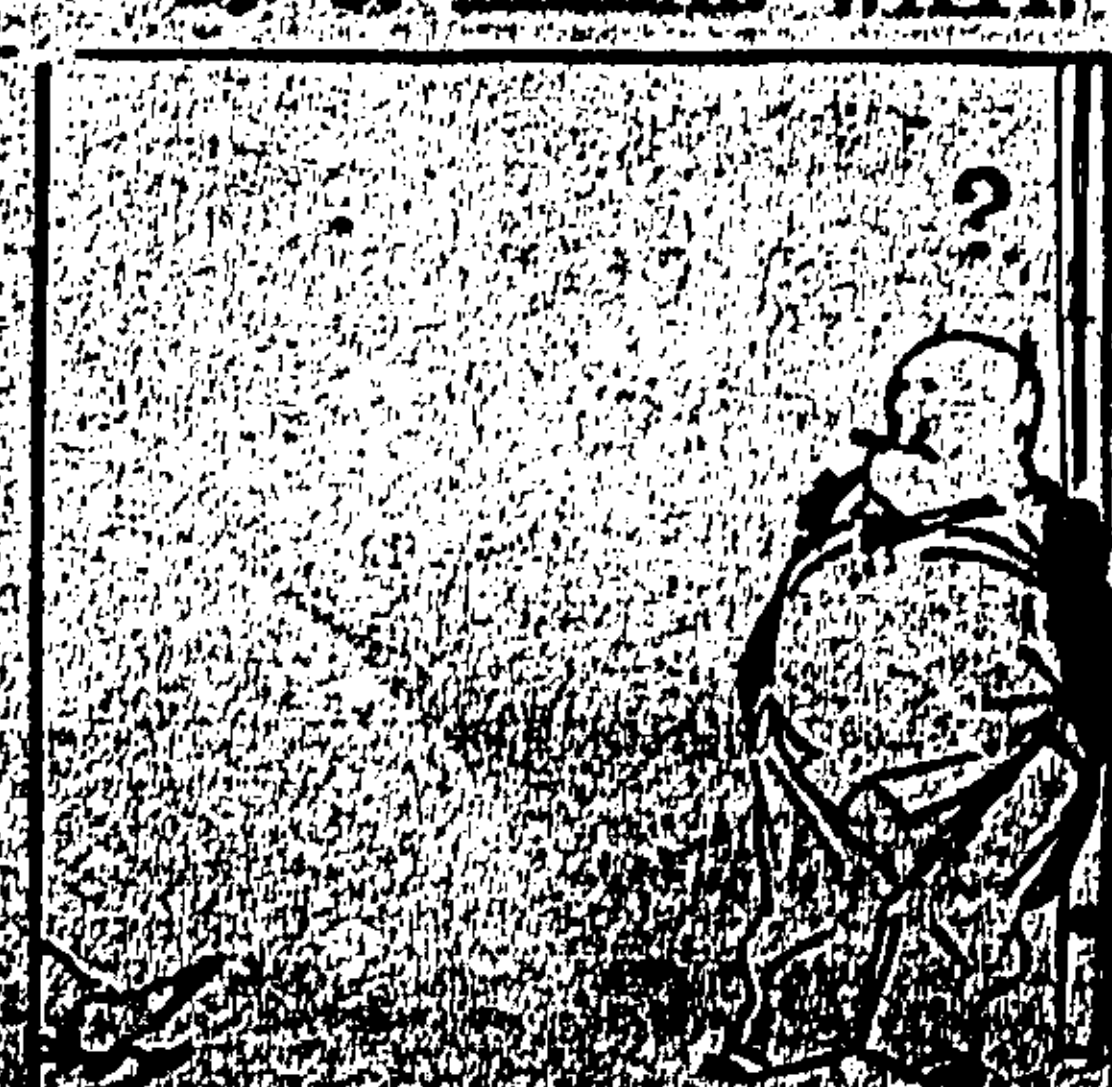
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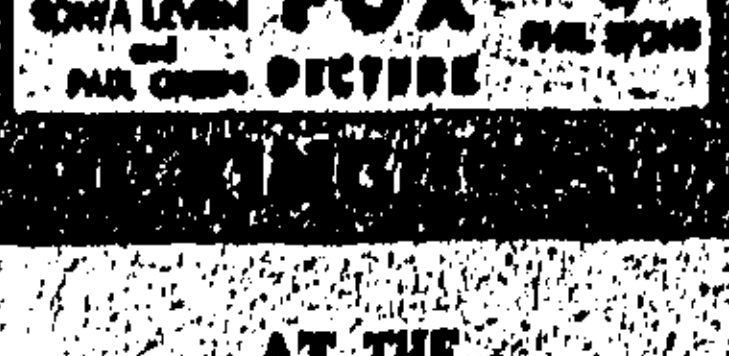
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## CHINA UNDERWRITERS. LIMITED

Many Small Increases  
In Premiums.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD  
THIS MORNING

Difference In Exchange

The ninth annual general meeting of China Underwriters, Limited, took place at the Offices of the Company, Hong Kong Bank Building, to-day at noon.

Mr. A. L. Shields was in the chair and was supported by Messrs. Allan Cameron, Li Tse-fong, H. R. Sturt, (Managing Director), C. A. da Roza, Mok Ching-kong and P. V. Botelho. The Chairman in his speech said:

"In the Accounts Rupees and Straits dollars have been converted to Sterling throughout at the parties. Silver Currencies have been converted to Hong Kong dollars and other Currencies to Sterling at the current monthly rates for Revenue purposes and at the market rates on December 31, 1932, for Balance Sheet purposes.

For the purpose of showing the Accounts in Hong Kong dollars the Sterling figures arrived at as above have been converted at the rate of Hong Kong \$1=1/3d.

The difference between the exchange used last year 1/51/4d. and that used on the present occasion 1/3d. has the effect of somewhat increasing all the Revenue items on both sides of the Account in respect of the Sterling portion of each item.

The exchange adjustments as applied to the funds brought forward at the beginning of the year are shown in the published accounts in the various departments and speak for themselves.

The Chairman's remarks last year and the year before with regard to the Life Assurance business still apply as the year under review has been marked by a continuation and in fact accentuation of the financial depression with which you are all familiar.

Premiums at \$646,032 show a small increase over last year's figures.

Heavy Claims By Death. Claims by death have been exceedingly heavy but this item includes certain amounts reserved for claims not yet admitted and which may not in fact become payable.

The Surrenders have again been extremely heavy which has been a characteristic of Life Assurance Accounts during the last few years all over the world.

Expenses show a small reduction and the Life Assurance Fund at the end of the year which stood at \$179,331 shows a small increase over the amounts brought forward at the beginning of the year.

Fire Insurance Premiums at \$121,596 show an increase over the previous year. The Claims experience has again been satisfactory and the Reserves at the end of the year show an increase from \$58,553 to \$83,629.

In the Accident Department Premiums show a small increase, at \$71,296 and the Claim ratio having been satisfactory, the Reserves in this Account have been increased from \$43,124 to \$72,914. There has been a falling off in our Accident Business in Ceylon which has been made up by an increase in the business in other agencies.

Small Increases.

Marine Insurance Premiums at \$130,014 show a small increase over last year's figures. Claims at \$76,560 show a satisfactory ratio particularly as this figure includes Claims in respect of certain business which was discontinued two years ago and which is running off. The Marine Insurance Fund has increased from \$102,942 to \$139,560.

It will be seen in the Fire, Accident and Marine Accounts that the ratio of Reserves to Premium Income has increased in all cases.

The balance of Interest has been carried to Profit and Loss Account and after setting aside \$5,225 against bad debts the debit balance in this Account has been reduced from \$78,007 to \$68,121. In the Balance Sheet, Securities have been taken at cost price or market value on December 31, 1932, whichever was less, although there is an appreciable margin of profit between the figures by the meeting.

## Maritime Customs Hazards

Continued from Page 1.

"A Dangerous Job"

Mr. W. J. Fulker, Tide-Surveyor of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Kowloon and District, stated that he had known the accused for just over a year.

The accused in his opinion had a very good character and had been twice commended to witness's knowledge.

Witness had experience in smuggling cases all over China and had found it a very dangerous occupation, in that, in most cases, one came up against armed resistance in all forms of cannon, rifle and bombs.

As far as witness could recollect the Kwan Lul had been attacked previously, on one occasion a Chinese seaman being killed.

Asked if bombs had ever been thrown at him, witness replied that it had happened to him many times some years ago, and is still a common practice.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fraser, witness said that they only carried one type of shell, the 3-pounder.

His Lordship: "Is it one of your duties to examine the arms on board any launch that has been fired, and to receive reports on the incidents?"

Mr. Fulker:—Yes, that is so, I received the accused's report the same afternoon of the occurrence. In reply to Mr. Fraser, witness said the bombs thrown at him were made of canvas and contained between 1/4 to 2 lbs. of gunpowder.

actual value on December 31, 1932, and the values taken in the Balance Sheet.

The Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account which includes a certain amount of realised profit has been increased from \$137,876 to \$203,554. The amount in hand is ample to protect the Account against any likely rise in exchange which might take place. There has been a further increase in the item "Loans on Company's policies."

Mr. Shewan's Retirement. You will have noticed from the Annual Report that Mr. Shewan, who has been Chairman of the Consulting Committee and afterwards of the Board of Directors since the commencement of the Company, has retired. Mr. Shewan's retirement was necessitated by ill health and I am sure that I am voicing your views when I express our regrets at the loss of his services and wish him a speedy restoration to health.

In conclusion I should like to place on record our appreciation of co-operation of the Branch Managers, Secretaries and staff and I have now the pleasure to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1932."

Annual Report.

The directors' annual report stated: Marine, Fire and General Business.—After placing \$193,559 to reserve to meet unexpired Marine risks, \$83,629 to meet unexpired Fire risks and \$72,914 to meet unexpired Accident risks the balance to the debit of Profit and Loss account has been reduced from \$78,007 to \$68,121.

Life Assurance Business.—Life Assurance applications received during the year amounted to \$3,405,643. Life Policies were issued for \$2,970,576 at Annual Premiums of \$165,617 and Single Premiums of \$8,469 and applications for \$223,268 were declined; the remainder were postponed or in course of consideration at the end of the year. The Life Premium Income after deduction of Reassurances amounted to \$646,032. The Life Assurance Fund stood at the end of the year at \$179,331.

Since the last meeting Mr. R. G. Shewan resigned from the Board, and Mr. A. L. Shields was appointed in his place under Article 88 (c) of the Company's Articles. Mr. A. A. R. Botelho also resigned from the Board and Mr. P. V. Botelho was appointed in his place under Article 88 (c) of the Company's Articles. The appointment of Mr. P. V. Botelho to the Board of Directors was approved by the Shareholders at the meeting.

The balance of Interest has been carried to Profit and Loss Account and after setting aside \$5,225 against bad debts the debit balance in this Account has been reduced from \$78,007 to \$68,121. In the Balance Sheet, Securities have been taken at cost price or market value on December 31, 1932, whichever was less, although there is an appreciable margin of profit between the figures by the meeting.

Re-examined by Mr. Macnamara, witness said he was attending Court on a subpoena.

Smugglers' Attack Described.

John Burton Morphet, an officer of the Chinese Maritime Customs, stated that in June of 1932 he had had an experience of serious opposition from smugglers.

On that occasion he had already checked the papers of a suspicious junk, and was preparing to board her from a gig, when a murderous machine gun and rifle fire broke out from the decks above, killing a European officer and four Chinese seamen. The weapons used on that occasion were a Thompson machine gun and rifles.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fraser, witness said the incident occurred about 30 miles from Shanghai.

Witness had had five years of experience in the Customs Service but had never been subjected to having bombs thrown at him.

L. L. Foxall, in charge of the Revenue Launch, "Cheongkeng," said he had been four years in the Service, and had met with armed resistance on several occasions.

Quoting an instance when his launch was fired upon in the Canton River, witness said that had the junk been in open waters she would never have fired upon the Customs vessel, but it was only because she could get away in shallow water up a creek that the junk had attacked his vessel.

"I have never known a junk to fire in the open sea where she had no chance of escape," said witness.

## DEFENCE COUNSEL'S ADDRESS.

In addressing the jury this morning, Mr. Macnamara, counsel for the defence stressed the importance of the charge of manslaughter which he said was second only to one of murder in the Criminal Procedure Code.

In dealing with various parts of the prosecution he would deal with the principal witnesses, Ng Wang-lai, master of the junk, and Comdr. Boswell.

The latter, counsel said had given his evidence with candour, and clearness, and he welcomed and accepted it, but how far the technical evidence in the case was concerned would have to be decided by the jury themselves.

In dealing with the master of the junk, counsel asked leave that he might address the jury at the latter stages of his address.

The essential points in the case, counsel continued would be the suggestions and questions put by the Asst. Attorney General to counsel's witnesses. Some of the suggestions were, very curious, that of the dynamite being on board a ship.

"It seems to be common sense that dynamite is found wherever it is taken" said counsel.

Then the other question by His Lordship, why accused did not turn back when the bombs were thrown at his launch.

PROTECTING THE CREW.

"It seems perfectly obvious that the answer to this was that Mr. Hallums had to protect the crew of his gig which included five of his launch's crew." And then the question of why did not Capt. Hallums blow his whistle?

"He was not in a position to do so being in British waters."

"He had no authority to give any orders for doing so, and had been done so would have been liable for an action of damages."

Counsel then referred to exhibit N, the statement made to the water police.

"Any one reading that statement could have seen the impossibility of the times and place," said counsel, "the words written would possibly have deceived a child, and I repeat that it was a stupid attempt on the part of my client to deceive the Police."

JUNK MASTER'S EVIDENCE. Referring to the story of Ng Wang-lai, counsel said it was incredible that the Asst. Attorney General should adopt the story of the junk-master and make it part of his case, and that Ng's story of the Customs launch being a pirate vessel, with intent to shoot away his rudder and tow him into Chinese waters was beyond all reason to counsel.

Referring to Hallums' story, counsel pointed out that the client had gone after the junk on information received and was perfectly well aware of the circumstances about stopping a junk in British waters. He clear acted on his own responsibility and allowed the junk in order to take a short cut at sea.

## TO-DAY'S COUNCIL MEETING.

Questions On Shooting Of Dogs.

MALARIA IN KOWLOON.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:

1. Is it not the fact that several complaints have been sent in recently to the Medical Officer of Health with reference to malaria at Kowloon Tong?

2. If the answer to Question 1 is in the affirmative, what steps is the Government taking or does the Government propose to take for the purpose of removing the causes of such malaria?

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, pursuant to notice, will also ask the following questions:

1. What instructions, if any, and when, have been given by the Honourable the Inspector General of Police to the police officers concerned as to the exercise of their discretionary power to shoot in the streets dogs, which are found at large without muzzles?

2. Has the power to shoot dogs without muzzles been restricted to European Officers only?

3. Since the present muzzling Order came into force, how many dogs, found at large without muzzles,

(a) On Hong Kong Island,

(b) On the mainland,

have been shot by the Police, without warning to their owners?

In how many of such cases were the owners of those dogs ascertainable?

4. Have any symptoms of rabies been found in any of the dogs referred to in Question 3, and, if so, in how many of those dogs?

Official Motions.

The Colonial Treasurer will move the first reading of a Bill to authorise the appropriation of a supplementary sum of five hundred and seventeen thousand and fifteen dollars and thirty cents to defray the Charges of the year 1932.

Attorney General will move the second reading of a Bill to amend the Divorce Ordinance, 1932; and a Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Supplementary Bill.

The following is the text of the Ordinance to authorize the appropriation of a supplementary sum of five hundred and seventeen thousand and fifteen dollars and thirty cents to defray the Charges of the year 1932:

Whereas it has become necessary to make further provision for the public service of the Colony for the year 1932, in addition to the charge upon the revenue of the Colony for the service of the said year already provided for:

Be it enacted by the Governor of Hong Kong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the (1932 Supplementary) Appropriation Ordinance, 1933.

2. A sum of Five hundred and seventeen thousand and fifteen Dollars and thirty Cents is hereby charged upon the revenue of the Colony for the service of the year 1932, the said sum so charged being expended as hereinafter specified; that is to say: Secretariat for Chinese Affairs \$489.63

Post Office & Wireless: 9,063.30

A. Post Office: 9,063.30

Miscellaneous Services: 128,462.55

Public Works Recurrent: 378,819.99

Total \$517,015.20

TURKEY BANS PRIZE COUPONS

Istanbul.

The Turkish Government has decided to forbid chocolate manufacturers to put prize coupons in their boxes sold to the public. Other coupons offered by manufacturers which entitle the owner to a cash prize, will also be forbidden.

Butter.

In Kowloon a gig he did a reasonable thing, but this was evidently a shoddy procedure to the Asst. Attorney General.

In concluding his address, Mr. Macnamara said that his counsel had already resigned the Customs Service not because of what had happened but because it was a disgrace to the Service.

## FARMER'S OFFER TO FAMOUS FLYER

Two-Thirds Profits On Petrol-less Plane.

MUST RAISE FINANCES

Wellington.

A farmer in the Wanganui district has a lot of time to think about things while he is busy milking and looking after his cows. He has even thought of a way to run aeroplanes without petrol.

His letter, hinting at the new idea, is one that Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, the well-known pilot, has received from New Zealand would be inventors. The farmer is too busy milking to take much time to talk about it but he writes:

"Would you be interested in an epoch-making invention, which would enable aeroplanes, after they had started, to travel any distance without using any more petrol? There would not be any need to carry so much petrol. The idea is simple, but effective. It would require very little alteration to the aeroplane, and would cost only a few pounds. I would be prepared to accept one-third of the profits. The balance would be yours."

"You would have to get finance to arrange for patents, to fix up the aeroplane and prove it to the world. If this appeals to you, I would be pleased to enter into an agreement in writing and then divulge the whole idea." A postscript adds: "As I am a dairy farmer your appointment would have to avoid milking times."—Reuter.

## CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

(Continued from Page 4.)

Present were:—

Consulting Committee, Messrs.

A.H. Compton and J.H. Taggart.

Secretary, Mr. F.C. Hall.

Shareholders, the Hon. Mr. T.N.

Chau, Messrs. H. Kom-tong, O.B.E.,

H. Lo, E.M. Raymond, J.H. Soff,

D.V. Stevenson, J. Fleming, Lo

Man-kin, W.L. Mackenzie, Le

Cheung-ly, M.R. Lo and Ho Lung.

Extraordinary Meeting.

At the extraordinary meeting following the shareholders' meeting, the Chairman moved the following resolutions which were respectively seconded by Messrs Ho Lung and M. K. Lo.

"(1) That the existing 10,000 shares in the capital of the Company of the nominal value of \$250 each, upon which the sum of \$100 has been paid up, be divided into 50,000 shares of the nominal value of \$50 each upon which the sum of \$20 shall be credited as paid up."

"(2) That as on and from 1st day of July 1933 the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company, in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, all the existing Articles thereof."

A confirmatory meeting will be held on June 9.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st June, 1933, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th June, 1933, or they will not be recognised. All claims, claims and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 1st May, 1933, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged articles are examined.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hong Kong, 15th May, 1933.

## SPORT NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, the 27th May, 1933, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No One without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including Tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him; and for Payment of All Chits, etc.

The Secretary's office, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building, (Tel. 27794), will close at 12 o'clock Noon. Badges admitting Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On No Pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Timings are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE. The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tio Tio Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1933.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting, to be held on MONDAY, 5th June, 1933 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Village Road.

Entries CLOSE at 12 o'clock NOON on MONDAY, 29th May, 1933.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th May, 1933.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE MAY HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Voting Members will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on MONDAY, 29th May, 1933, at 5.30 p.m.

All Members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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# AROUND THE FAIR

Many Sales And Enquiries Reported; Coolies Crowd The Stalls; Attractive Local Exhibits.

That the British Empire Products Fair has already made an impression to visitors to the Colony, is evident by the excellent showmanship at the Vauxhall stand in the motor section, which has already completed a sale to a Canton resident.

A Vauxhall Cadet Standard Saloon priced at £307, has been sold to Tai Tung Esq. of Canton.

## Agricultural Exhibits Popular.

The outstanding section of the Fair was the New Territories Agricultural and Poultry sections, which drew thousands of people, and so dense was the crowd at times, that other people wanting to go through to the farther matched were made to skirt the first shed altogether.

## Lighthouse of Ropes.

Of the advertising displays in the Peninsula Hotel, the Lighthouse of Ropes by the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., stands out far above the rest.

It is the cleverest ever seen at a local fair, and with a 600 candle power light blinking forth a glare every now and then, attracts the immediate attention of anyone entering the hotel.

## Complaints.

Inquiries at the various stall holders as to complaints brought many surprising answers.

The majority of exhibitors were complaining of the way in which European boys picked pamphlets off the various stalls and distributed them on the floor, making a horrible mess of the ground in the vicinity.

## Too Many Coolies.

Complaints were heard from many sections of the Fair, that the vast crowd of coolies and poorer class Chinese from the streets kept away prospective buyers and inquirers. "With the great number of Police in the hotel and outside, surely something can be done," complained one Sports stall holder, whose goods were being handled and messed about with by people who had no intention of buying.

## Brisk Sales.

The sale of market produce was very brisk in this section all the helpers being kept very busy all through the morning.

## Ford Models.

Thousands of inquiries were made in the Ford Section where the new 1933 model V-8 is being exhibited on a turn table made entirely of Ford Standard spare parts from the local stores. The actual turntable is comprised of a Ford tractor wheel, while the model exhibited is mounted on a Ford truck chassis.

## The Babies.

Of the Baby cars displayed, the Hillman Minx sports two seater in black and the M. G. Midget in Green attracted much attention.

The latter made recently gained a much coveted trophy in the Mille Miglia race in Italy.

## Enquiries Made.

The Baby Ford made at the Ford Works at Dagenham, Kent, is also an outstanding model for its size, combining comfort, speed and reliability.

There were many inquiries about this car and although sales were not actually made, the representatives informed the Chinese. Many that there are quite a few impending purchases.

This also applies to the Kaye Don Model Singer which has attracted much attention, among the Chinese Community.

## Children and Chocolates.

Rowntree's Chocolate stall in the first matched was very popular with the kiddies, the sales being good throughout the day.

## The Teleprinter.

The Teleprinter exhibit drew tremendous crowds throughout the morning and evening. The system of office appliance, telephones also being of considerable interest to a number of Americans which were seen upon the stall yesterday at noon.

## Models of Local Works.

The models of the Green Island Cement Company's Works and the Hong Kong Electric Company's Power Plant at North Point were very popular with the Fair crowd. Thousands of people stopped to gaze

at the models which were worked to minute details.

Another model in the matched which was of considerable interest to both the European and Eurasian communities of the Colony, was that by the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Company's of the Building Scheme at Kowloon—Garden City.

## Speeches Heard Distinctly.

Speeches at the opening ceremony were broadcasted from the dais to all parts of the Fair situated in the Hotel, by means of a microphone and loud speakers. So well was the apparatus working, that every word spoken was distinctly heard on the floor below by everybody, in spite of the roar or voices and the tramping of feet.

## Fine Photography.

One of the latest of British goods to enter the Colony's market, is the Ilford Solochrome film, which has already gained notoriety in other parts of the British Empire.

Being extra fast and anti-halo backed, the film gives wonderful results as can be seen from the large life size photographs displayed by Ilford Limited, of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, taken at the Copenhagen Exhibition, and another of a "Beautiful Lady," which are really outstanding pieces of photography.

## Cheap Poultry.

Prices ranging from \$75 a pair to \$6 each were displayed against coops containing poultry, and judging by the size of some of them, were certainly worth it.

## Chinese Canned Goods.

The Chinese Canned goods came in for much sightseeing by Fairgoers, who thronged all these stalls, picking out objects and comparing them with European products on adjoining stands.

## Kaye Don Model.

The most striking car on display was the "Kaye Don model Singer," whose beautiful lines and stream line effects, gave it the appearance of speed, comfort and reliability. Hundreds of people were drawn to this car which, is easily one of the very finest seen in Hong Kong.

## Mr. Hull's Car.

Another car which drew much attention was the Humber Snipe Sports Saloon owned by Mr. Gifford Hull, managing contractor of the Shing-Mun Dam Scheme. This car certainly possesses the finest lines and body work of its kind in Hong Kong, and is by far the most elegant of any model seen on our roads.

## GOVERNOR SENDS OUT MESSAGE

### Commendation Of Fair By Teleprinter

The following message from H.E. the Governor to the people of Hong Kong and to the Press was tapped out on the special teleprinter equipment, installed at the Fair by the Hong Kong Telephone Company.

"I am now being conducted round the Empire Products Fair and am much impressed by all that I have seen. The Fair is a great success and reflects the highest credit to the Organisers. It affords ample evidence of what the Empire can produce and of what can be produced here locally. I strongly recommend all to come and see it."

"I take this opportunity of congratulating the Hong Kong Telephone Company on introducing the teleprinter here and hope it will prove a success. It is in accord with that spirit of enterprise which has made the Company one of the most successful undertakings in the Colony."

## DOLLAR STEADY AT 1/4-3-8.

### Silver And Pound Show Little Fluctuation.

The local dollar remained unchanged this morning at 1/4-3-8.

Forward silver remained unchanged yesterday at 18½ but the spot price declined 1/16 to 18 15/16.

The London on New York cross rate quoted on Tuesday at £33.91 yesterday improved to £34.91½, while the New York on London rate advanced from \$24.92 to \$25.00.

# SATISFACTORY TRADING YEAR

Wm. Powell Ltd.'s Annual Meeting.

## FAVOURABLE COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEAR

Mr. H. J. Seth, Chairman, reported a satisfactory year in which trade returns compared very favourably with last year at the general meeting of William Powell, Limited, at Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming's office this morning.

Mr. J. H. Seth, Chairman, said: "The result of the year's trading cannot be regarded as unsatisfactory when conditions of trade generally are taken into consideration, in addition to which the rebuilding programme carried out in Ice House Street during the year under review rendered this thoroughfare almost impassable at times."

"That the turnover would be lower than the previous year was only to be expected particularly as in addition to the conditions referred to above Mr. Overy, Managing Director, was on leave, and his absence was reflected in the larger proportionate drop in Outfitting takings compared to Tailoring."

Sales Maintained. "I am glad to be able to report that our sales since March 1 last are being maintained and although we are below the figures for the year ended February 29 1932, the figures compare very favourably with last year."

You will see that Profit and Loss Account has been charged with \$4,426.60 for passages. This represents the balance paid after deducting \$1,000 reserved for last year, for passages for Mr. and Mrs. Overy and a portion of Mr. Mead's passage home. Mr. Mead having severed his connection with the Company on January 31 last. Appropriation of \$2,000.

"Turning to the Balance Sheet I do not think the liability side calls for particular comment. Under the assets you will see that heavy expenditure was incurred during the year for Fixtures and Fittings. This was necessary on account of the Company being compelled to find new premises and the cost of alterations accounts for practically the whole of the additions to this asset. As the Lease of the premises at present occupied by us expires on March 31 next, your Directors have deemed it prudent to write off the whole of the cost of the alterations before that date, and you will be asked to approve the appropriation of a sum of \$2,000 out of the available balance of Profit and Loss. Stocks on hand have been depreciated and stand in the books at present replacement value with the exception of stock not easily saleable which has been written down to a figure at which it can be readily disposed of."

Payments in advance include the portion of Mr. Mead's salary and passage chargeable to the current year.

"After making due provision for bad and doubtful debts, your Directors are satisfied that the amount at the debit of Sundry Debtors is recoverable."

Long Lease Agreement. "I have referred to the expiration of our present lease and negotiations are now proceeding for new and suitable premises. It is the intention of your Directors, if suitable arrangements can be made, to enter into a long agreement."

"I will now formally move that the Report and Balance Sheet as presented be adopted and that the balance standing at the credit of Profit and Loss Account be dealt with as follows:—

Write off Fixtures & Fittings \$2,000.  
Pay a dividend of 10 cents per share to Shareholders on the Register amounting \$4,200.  
Carry forward \$1,238.2.

Shareholders present were Messrs. J. H. Seth (Chairman), H. Overy (Managing Director), W. L. Alexander (Secretary), E. M. Raymond, A. Nisim, H. J. M. de Figueiredo and Wong Ping-fan.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Mr. Seth and passed unanimously on being seconded by Mr. Overy.

Mr. de Figueiredo proposed the re-election of Mr. J. H. Seth as a Director. Mr. Nisim seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr. Raymond seconded by Mr. Wong Ping-fan, a vote of thanks was unanimously resolved upon.

## To-Day's Short Story.

### Concluding

# THE SCREAMING SKULL

By F. Marion Crawford.

NO, there's nothing the matter with me. I'm only trying to collect my thoughts. It's so strange. I'm positively certain that it was inside when I put on the seal last spring. I can't have imagined that; it's utterly impossible.

I say, I don't half like this. It's not right. There's something wrong about it, in my opinion. You needn't talk to me about supernatural manifestations, for I don't believe in them, not a little bit! Somebody must have tampered with the seal and stolen the skull. Sometimes, when I go out to work in the garden in summer I leave my watch and chain on the table. Trehearn must have taken the seal then and used it, for he would be quite sure that I should not come in for at least an hour.

If it was not Trehearn—oh, don't talk to me about the possibility that the thing has got out by itself! If it has, it must be somewhere about the house, in some out-of-the-way corner, waiting. We may come upon it anywhere, waiting for us, don't you know?—just waiting in the dark. Then it will scream at me; it will shriek at me in the dark, for it hates me, I tell you!

The bandbox is quite empty. We are not dreaming, either of us. There, I turn it upside down.

What's that? Something fell out as I turned it over. It's on the floor, it's near your feet, I know it is, and we must find it! Help me to find it, man. Have you got it? For God's sake, give it to me quickly!

Lead! I knew it when I heard it fall! I knew it couldn't be anything else by the little thud it made on the hearth-rug. So it was lead after all, and Luke did it.

I feel a little bit shaken up—not exactly nervous, you know, but badly shaken up, that's the fact. Anybody would, I should think. After all, you cannot say that it's fear of

the thing, for I went up and brought it down—at least, I believed I was bringing it down, and that's the same thing, and by George, rather than give in to such silly mouseness I'll take the box upstairs again and put it back in its place. It's not that. It's the certainty that the poor little woman came to her end in that way, by my fault, because I told the story. That's what is so dreadful. Somehow I had always hoped that I should never be quite sure of it, but there is no doubting it now. Look at that!

Look at it! That little lump of lead with no particular shape. Think of what it did, man! Doesn't it make you shiver? He gave her something to make her sleep, of course, but there must have been one moment of awful agony. Think of having boiling lead poured into your brain. Think of it. She was dead before she could scream, but only think of—

## TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's story will be "The Biography of Blade," by Zona Gale.

oh!—there it is again—it's just outside—I know it's just outside—I can't keep it out of my head!—oh!—oh!—

You thought I had fainted? No, I wish I had, for it would have stopped sooner. It's all very well to say that it's only a noise, and that a noise never hurt anybody—you're as white as a shroud yourself. There's only one thing to be done, if we hope to close an eye to-night. We must find it and put it back into its bandbox and shut it up in the cupboard, where it likes to be. I don't know how it got out, but it wants to get in again. That's why it screams so awfully to-night.

Bury it? Yes, if we can find it, we'll bury it if it takes us all night. We'll bury it six feet deep and ram down the earth over it, so that it shall never get out again, and if it screams we shall hardly hear it so deep down. Quick, we'll get the lantern and look for it. It cannot be far away: I'm sure it's just outside.

Come, we'll get the lantern and go round the house. It's not raining—only blowing like old boots, as we used to say. The lantern is in the cupboard under the stairs in the hall.

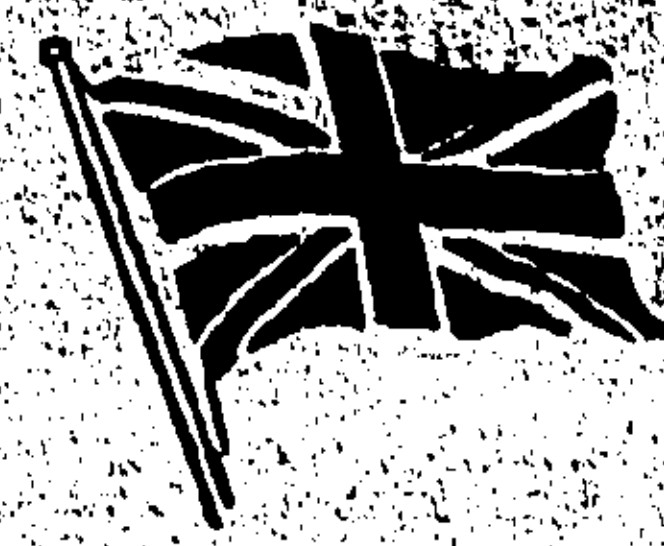
No use to look for the thing? I don't see how you can say that. It was nonsense to talk of burying it, of course, for it doesn't want to be buried; it wants to go back into its bandbox and be taken upstairs, poor thing! Trehearn took it out, I know, and made the seal over again. Perhaps he took it to the churchyard, and he may have meant well. I dare say he thought that it would not scream any more if it were quietly laid in consecrated ground, near where it belongs. But it has come home. Yes, that's it. He's not half a bad fellow, Trehearn, and rather religiously inclined, I think. Does not that sound natural, and reasonable, and well meant? He supposed it screamed because it was not decently buried—with the rest. But he was wrong. How should he know that it screams at me because it hates me, and because it's my fault that there was that little lump of lead in it!

No use to look for it, anyhow? Nonsense! I tell you it wants to be found—hark! What's that knocking? Do you hear it? Knock—knock—knock—three times, then a pause, and then again: It has a hollow sound, hasn't it?

It has come home. I've heard that knock before. It wants to come in and be taken upstairs, in its box. It's at the front door. Will you come with me? We'll take it in. Yes, I want that I don't like to go alone and open the door. The thing will roll in and stop against my foot, just as it did before, and the light will go out. There's a right time, come along! I'll take the box with me, so as not to come back. Do you hear the knock? It's on the door, isn't it? Knock—knock—knock—three times, then a pause, and then again: It has a hollow sound, hasn't it?

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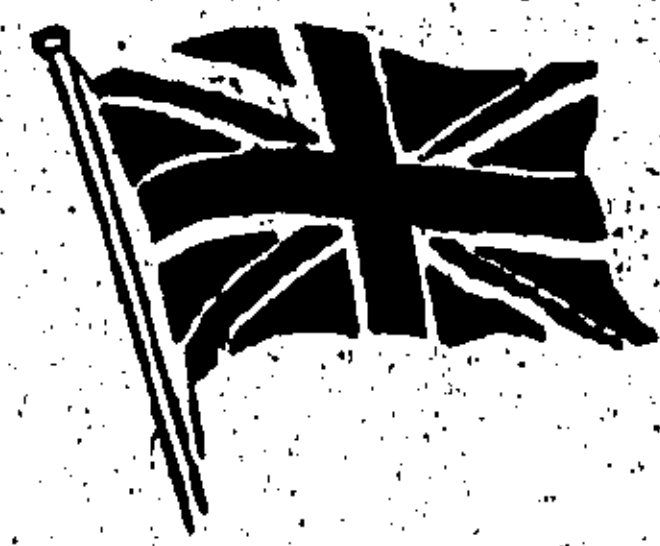
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## KENT TO RELY ON TWO BOWLERS

*Promise Shown By Wright  
And Sheffield*

**CRAWLEY WILL BE SEEN SELDOM**

(By E. W. Stanton.)

London, May 1. **T**HERE is a personality about the cricket played by Kent which is apt to make mere results seem of secondary importance. So fervid is the atmosphere in the county that Maidstone and Canterbury would be almost equally full whether the side were struggling to keep at the top of the championship table or stationed in comparative obscurity half-way down. Neither can any question of winning or losing affect the pleasure which the true lover of cricket derives from watching Woolley bat, Freeman bowl, or A. P. F. Chapman field.

| KENT'S POSITION TO DATE. |    |    |    |    |        |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|--------|
| P.                       | W. | L. | W. | L. | Result |
| 4                        | 2  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0-0-0  |

But though winning does not come first let us not deceive ourselves. How pleasant it would be if after a long Kent were once more to live up their proud motto, *Invisa*. In 1932 Kent finished third; it was hardly a brilliant third, but there were signs that the new fifteen points for a win idea would suit Kent well. If once or twice the luck had been more kind there might have been a different story to tell.

It could of course hardly be claimed that Kent were the best side, if only because they possessed, until C. S. Marriott arrived in August, only one really effective bowler. Freeman is so supremely good against the not-quite-top-class players that in most matches he is all that Kent want. There are certain sides whom Freeman is morally certain to bowl out for fewer than two hundred. Equally, however, he must, in normal circumstances, be expensive, when used as a stock bowler, against quick-footed batsmen such as Hendren and O'Connor. This year there are hopes of two bowlers on whose success depends very largely Kent's chance of doing consistently well against the good sides as well as the moderate ones.

**The Newcomers.** Sheffield has been more or less rejected by Surrey, but all counties make mistakes, and Surrey once could see no good in another young man, named Mead. Two years ago Sheffield looked an uncommonly promising bowler. Quicker than medium, he brought his arm over high with the left shoulder pointing in approved fashion to mid-off. The result was considerable life off the wicket and an in-swing with the new ball which came late enough to make a batsman hurry over his stroke. Last season Sheffield was ill, and apparently he is susceptible to muscular trouble. This is a risk which Kent must take; but if Sheffield is fit and well there are more unlikely things than that he will make his mark with Kent this summer. At present, I should add, he is only on trial.

The other new bowler is Wright, a youth of, I believe, 17, who took 69 wickets for the 2nd XI last season. Wright, like Freeman, is a leg-break bowler. Fortunately their method is dissimilar. Wright's, for one thing, being considerably quicker through the air. Wright spins the ball like a top, and in a net, at any rate, his length is good for a bowler of this type. It is a pity he does not provide a contrast, but if he is good enough, there is room in the side for them both.

Of the more famous players, Chapman will appear in nearly all the matches, and Kent thus are assured of astute captaincy, as well as his valuable fielding and batting. B. H. Valentine will be sent in the various institutions, and it is to be hoped he will carry on in the grand manner in

which he finished off last season. Ever since his Repton days Valentine has been a polished and forceful batsman, and last year was his best. His 180 at Leyton was one of the finest innings of the season. Valentine has been getting his eye in with a vengeance in Egypt. He has the latent ability to get into the Gentlemen's side, if not further. J. A. Pearce has gone abroad, but Godfrey, most brilliant if least sound of the Bryan brotherhood, is available.

A. M. Crawley, whose abilities and faults are identical with those of Valentine, except that Crawley can be even more brilliant and correspondingly more rash, will be seen frequently, and C. S. Marriott and J. L. Bryan, as usual, in August. Woolley remains the great batsman of the side, and Ames has kindly relieved him of the responsibility of chief run-getter. As for the other professionals, Hardinge is fast reaching the age of retirement, and Ashdown has been a strange disappointment. Fortunately there is no lack of reinforcements, and it is particularly lucky for Kent that whenever for any reason Ames is not available, they have a wicket-keeper almost, if not quite, as good in W. H. V. Levett. [The T. A. Pearce mentioned is the son of "Tam" Pearce, the popular Colony skipper. He played for the H.K.C.C. last season with a League average of 31.66.]



A match between Paavo Nurmi (above) and the French runner, Jules Ladoumègue, is in prospect. Negotiations are proceeding in Paris.—Reuter.

## SOCCER'S \$10,000 GIFT TO CHARITY.

Two Sino-Foreign Games  
In Shanghai.

The Hon. General Secretary of the China National Amateur Athletic Federation and the President of the Shanghai Football Association have issued a joint statement to the effect that the two charity soccer matches which were played recently (one at the Canidrome, the other at the Pioneer Field) will result in approximately \$10,000 being available for distribution.

A certain amount of delay is occurring in connecting money on account of tickets which were sold before the match but, as soon as this money is received, which it is hoped will be within a very few days, cheques will be sent to the various institutions, of which have been selected to benefit from the proceeds.

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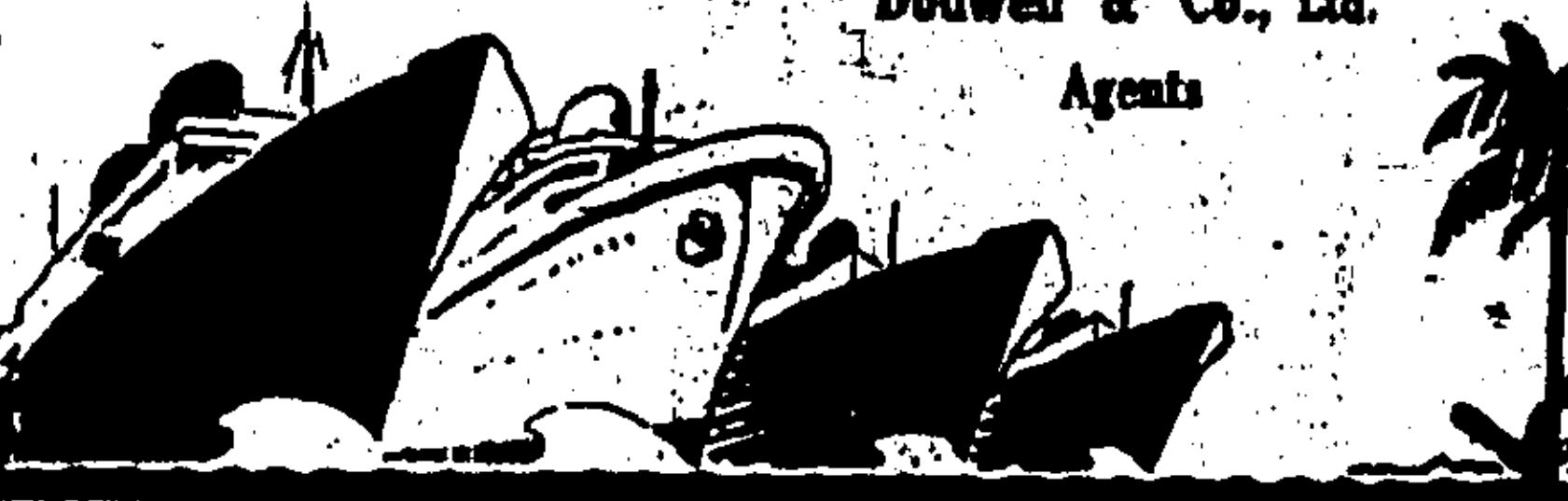
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## SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.

HIVE MARU (starts from Kobe) ... Monday, 5th June.  
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## LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via

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KASHIMA MARU ... Saturday, 27th May.  
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HAKONE MARU ... Saturday, 24th June.

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ATSUTA MARU ... Saturday, 24th June.

## BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.

GENOA MARU ... Monday, 29th May.  
TOTTORI MARU ... Monday, 12th June.

## SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

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RAKUYO MARU ... Thursday, 8th June.

## LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus, Genoa

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MALACCA MARU ... Monday, 29th May.  
TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Thursday, 8th June.

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Santos Maru ... Wed., 19th July.

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Hague Maru ... Mon., 19th June.

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# The Screaming Skull

(Continued from page 7.)

The thing knows we are coming—hark! It's impatient to get in. Don't shut the door till the lantern is ready, whatever you do. There will be the usual trouble with the matches, I suppose—no, the first one, by Jove! I tell you it wants to get in, so there's no trouble. All right with that door now; shut it, please. Now come and hold the lantern, for it's blowing so hard outside that I shall have to use both hands. That's it, hold the light low. Do you hear the knocking still? Here goes—I'll open just enough, with my foot against the bottom of the door—now!

Catch it! It's only the wind that blows it across the floor, that's all—there's half a hurricane outside, I tell you! Have you got it? The bandbox is on the table. One minute, and I'll have the bar up. There! Why did you throw it into the box so roughly? It doesn't like that, you know.

What do you say? Bitten your hand? Nonsense, man! You did just what I did. You bressed the jaws together with your other hand and pincher yourself. Let me see. You don't mean to say you have drawn blood? You must have squeezed hard, by Jove, for the skin is certainly torn. I'll give you some carbolic solution for it before we go to bed.

Come inside again and let me see it by the lamp. I'll bring the bandbox—never mind the lantern, it may just as well burn in the hall, for I shall need it presently when I go up the stairs. Yes, shut the door if you will; it makes it more cheerful and bright.

Ugh! There's a drop of blood on the upper jaw. It's on the eye-tooth. Ghastly, isn't it? When I saw it running along the floor of the hall the strength almost went out of my hands, and I felt my knees bending; then I understood that it was the gale, driving it over the smooth boards. You don't blame me? No, I should think not. We were boys together, and we've seen a thing or two, and we may just as well own to each other that we were both in a beastly funk when it slid across the floor at you.

Strange that the jaw should stick to it so closely, isn't it? I suppose it's the dampness, for it shuts like a vice—I have wiped off the drop of blood, for it was not nice to look at. I'm not going to try to open the jaws, don't be afraid! I shall not play any tricks with the poor thing, but I'll just seal he box again, and we'll take it upstairs and put it away where it wants to be. The wax is on the writing-table by the window. Thank you. It will be long before I leave my seal lying about again, for Trehearne to use, I can tell you.

Do you see that? You can swear that you've actually seen me seal it this time, in case anything of the kind should occur again. The wax fastens the strings to the lid, which cannot possibly be lifted, even enough to get in one finger. You're quite satisfied, aren't you? Yes. Besides, I shall lock the cupboard and keep the key in my pocket hereafter.

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Now we can take the lantern and go upstairs. Do you know? I'm very much inclined to agree with your theory that the wind blew it against the house. I'll go ahead, for I know the stairs; just hold the lantern near my feet as we go up. How the wind howls and whistles! Yes—this is the door of the best bedroom. Hold up the lantern, please. This side, by the head of the bed. I left the cupboard open when I got the box. Isn't it queer how the faint odour of women's dresses will hang about an old-closet for years? This is the shelf. You've seen me set the box there, and now you see me turn the key and put it into my wallet. So that's done!

Good-night. Are you sure you're quite comfortable? It's not much of a room, but I dare say you would as soon sleep here as upstairs to-night. If you want anything, slug out; there's only a lath and plaster partition between us. There's not so much wind on this side by half. There's the Holland's on the table, if you'll have one more nightcap. No? Well, do as you please. Good-night again, and don't dream about that thing if you can.

The following paragraph appeared in the "Penarodon News," November 23, 1906:

## "MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A RETIRED SEA CAPTAIN."

"The village of Tredcombe is much disturbed by the strange death of Captain Charles Braddock, and all sorts of impossible stories are circulating with regard to the circumstances. The retired Captain was found dead in his bed on Tuesday morning in his own cottage, a quarter of a mile from the village. An examination was made at once by the local practitioner, which revealed that the deceased had been bitten in the throat by a human assailant with such amazing force as to crush the windpipe and cause death. The marks of the teeth of both jaws were so plainly visible on the skin that they could be counted, but the perpetrator of the deed had evidently lost the two lower middle incisors. It is hoped that this peculiarity may help to identify the murderer, who can only be a dangerous escaped maniac. The deceased, though over sixty years of age, is said to have been a hale man of considerable physical strength, and it is remarkable that no signs of any struggle were visible in the room, nor could it be ascertained how the murderer had entered the house. Warning has been sent to all the insane asylums in the United Kingdom.

"The coroner's jury returned the somewhat singular verdict that Captain Braddock came to his death by the hands or teeth of some person unknown. The local surgeon is said to have expressed privately the opinion that the maniac is a woman, a view he deduces from the small size of the jaws, as shown by the marks of the teeth. Captain Braddock was a widower and lived alone. He leaves no children."

THE END.

## FAIR CONTINUES TILL 10 P.M.

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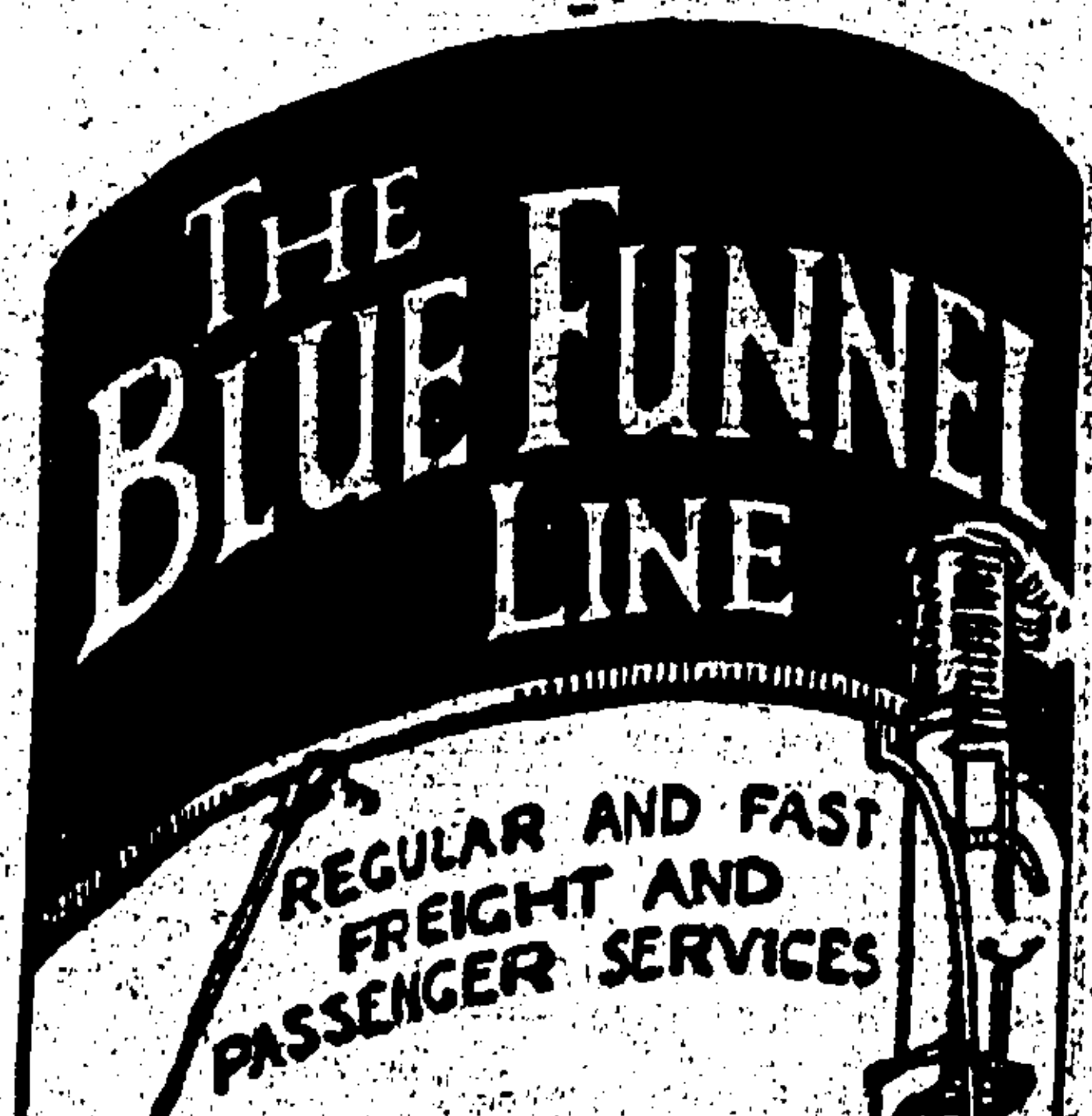
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| KAISAR-I-HIND | 12,000  | 17th June                  | Straits, Colombo & Bombay.            |
| *BURDWAN      | 6,500   | 24th June                  | Bombay, Marseilles & London.          |
| MANTUA        | 11,000  | 1st July                   | Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London.    |
| RAWALPINDI    | 17,000  | 15th July                  | H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.        |
| *SOMALI       | 6,800   | 22nd July                  | Bombay, Marseilles & London.          |
| RANPURA       | 17,000  | 29th July                  | Bombay, Marseilles & London.          |
| RAJPUTANA     | 17,000  | 12th Aug.                  | Bombay, Marseilles & London.          |
| *BANGALORE    | 6,000   | 19th Aug.                  | Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London.    |
| RANCHI        | 17,000  | 26th Aug.                  | H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.        |
| CARTHAGE      | 14,000  | 9th Sept.                  | Marseilles & London.                  |
| *BHUTAN       | 6,000   | 16th Sept.                 | Bombay, Marseilles & London.          |
| NALDERA       | 16,000  | 23rd Sept.                 | H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.        |
| CORFU         | 14,000  | 7th Oct.                   | Marseilles & London.                  |
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| MANTUA        | 11,000  | 21st Oct.                  | H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.        |
| RAWALPINDI    | 17,000  | 4th Nov.                   | Bombay, Marseilles & London.          |
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| TILAWA   | 10,000  | 10th June | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta. |
| TAKADA   | 8,000   | 24th June | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta. |
| SIRDHANA | 8,000   | 8th July  | Singapore, Penang & Calcutta. |
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|---------|---------|------------|------------------------------------|
| TANDA   | 8,000   | 2nd June   | Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney & |
| NANKING | 7,000   | 30th June  | Melbourne.                         |
| NELLORE | 7,000   | 2nd Aug.   |                                    |
| TANDA   | 8,000   | 2nd Sept.  |                                    |
| NANKIN  | 7,000   | 30th Sept. |                                    |

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| Line       | Tonnage | 1933.      | Destination                             |
|------------|---------|------------|-----------------------------------------|
| MANTUA     | 11,000  | 1st June   | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.        |
| SANTHIA    | 8,000   | 1st June   | Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.     |
| NANKIN     | 7,000   | 4th June   | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama. |
| *GOMALI    | 6,800   | 13th June  | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.        |
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### THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The report by the Harbour Master on the Colony's shipping last year states:

The year 1932 showed a slight decrease in the amount of shipping using the port of Hong Kong, the largest decrease being in foreign ocean going steamers.

Foreign going shipping entering and clearing showed an increase of 568 vessels with a decrease of 139, 743 tons net, while local shipping showed a further decrease of 185, 372 tons.

The largest decrease was in Japanese shipping—a decrease of 1,113,226 tons entered and cleared as compared with 1931. This was caused mainly by the anti-Japanese boycott during the year under review.

British ocean going shipping has increased by 660,846 tons while British river steamers show an increase of 41,474 tons.

The river steamer trade continued to increase, with more frequent sailings on all routes.

The junk trade shows a small increase in numbers and tonnage for those in foreign trade with a decrease in respect of local trade. The increase in foreign trade is due to increased imports and exports, and the decrease in local trade can be accounted for by some of the junks being employed in foreign trade.

In steamships not exceeding sixty tons employed in foreign trade there is a small increase in number with a decrease in tonnage which is accounted for by smaller launches being used for towing purposes.

On the 31st December, 1932, there were 277 launches and 195 motor boats employed in the harbour. Of these, 404 were licensed for the conveyance of passengers, 27 steam launches and 18 motor boats belonged to the Colonial Government, three steam launches belonged to the Imperial Government and 15 steam launches and five motor boats to the Naval Authorities. There were also eleven motor boats owned for pleasure and private purposes: 23 class I licences, 20 class II licences and 81 class III licences were issued during the year.

### STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan which left Vancouver on May 20, is due at Hong Kong on June 9, and leaves for Manila on the same evening.

## EMPIRE FAIR.

Allotment Of Space.

Some idea of the time and work involved in the allotment of the spaces for the various exhibits, can be obtained from the allotments of superficial area in square feet to each section, the whole comprising an area of 46,900 square feet. The space occupied is as follows:—

| Section                                                 | sq. ft. |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Peninsula Hotel                                         | 6,700   |
| Lounge                                                  | 1,200   |
| East Verandah (Flowers)                                 | 1,200   |
| West Verandah                                           | 1,200   |
| Cafeteria                                               | 1,200   |
| Moorish Bar (Canadian Section)                          | 2,000   |
| 1st Floor Verandah (Australian and New Zealand Section) | 3,200   |
|                                                         | 15,500  |

| Section                                                                    | sq. ft. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Western Pavilion                                                           | 12,800  |
| New Territories Products, Poultry, Industries, Machinery, Motor-cars, etc. | 1,000   |
| N. T. Products Depot                                                       | 1,000   |
|                                                                            | 13,800  |

| Section                                                    | sq. ft. |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Eastern Pavilion                                           | 16,000  |
| Motor-cars, Trucks, Manufactures, Building Materials, etc. | 1,600   |
| OPEN-LAWN on Salisbury Road for Aircraft                   | 1,600   |
| Summary                                                    | 15,500  |
| Peninsula Hotel                                            | 29,800  |
| Pavilions                                                  | 1,600   |
| Lawn                                                       | 46,900  |

## ART SECTION.

Many Exhibitors At The Fair.

In the writing room on the mezzanine floor of the Peninsula Hotel will be found the Art Section. In this room are exhibited a collection of 48 photographs entered by members of the Hong Kong University Amateur Photographic Club. A list of the exhibitors is given below:—  
Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, 10 pictures, Mr. P. A. Dragon, 10 pictures, Mr. Paul Braga, five pictures, Mr. Chow Cheng-lum, nine pictures, Mr. K. W. Khoo, six pictures, Mr. K. L. Ng, one picture, and Mr. H. C. Goh, seven pictures.

The P. & O. s.s. Soudan which left Shanghai on May 23 is due here to-morrow.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT BOOKMAKERS

(Continued from Page 8.)

Mr. Quickmatch has to pay at some meetings \$4 for a bookmaker's badge, \$1 odd entrance and travelling expenses for his clerk plus about \$5 a week salary, and \$2 a day for his runner. His racing expenses for the year, including travelling and staying away for meetings, will be between \$2,000 and \$3,000, without counting his office and office staff.

After racing the books have to be made up and balanced, including the starting price wires that have come in, and at the end of the week cheques and accounts sent out.

The "Shylocks"  
Now let us watch some bookmakers of another type—Messrs. Shylock, who are at the bottom end of the rails.

They have come down third class in the race "special," playing nap in an atmosphere of tangerines and cheap cigarettes that would put a sick elephant off his buns.

By dint of a good deal of bargaining and incivility they have forced themselves into their pitch near the bottom of the rails, and on the slender capital of a borrowed "five" they start business.

"Ere y'are, lady," they shout, "three to one Legion, it's a good price. Well, 'ave thirty-five bob to ten. Put it down, like, and the number of the ticket is 606."

Ike, having written it down, is off like a lamp-lighter with the "half a bar" to another bookmaker, who lays him 40 shillings to 10 Legion, so he can't lose over that transaction.

Through laying well under the odds and hedging it back at the right price the firm of Shylock can show a profit. Occasionally it goes against them and then they are in a tangle.

I remember once, at Sandown, hearing a man inquire the price of the favourite, which a pair of these lads thought was 2-1. The man accepted their offer of 6-4 and held out a crinkly, crackling tenner! They did take a doubtful look at each other, but they couldn't resist, and grabbed it.

Ike climbed the hill in Tattersall's that day quicker than a hare with a lurcher after it, but he was late. A frenzied rush had swept the favourite to six to four-on and nothing could be done.

The faces of the partners were a study. "Well," said Ike, trying to speak cheerfully, "It ain't won yet"—and it's a fact that it did not win, and they were hardly sober in time for next day's racing.

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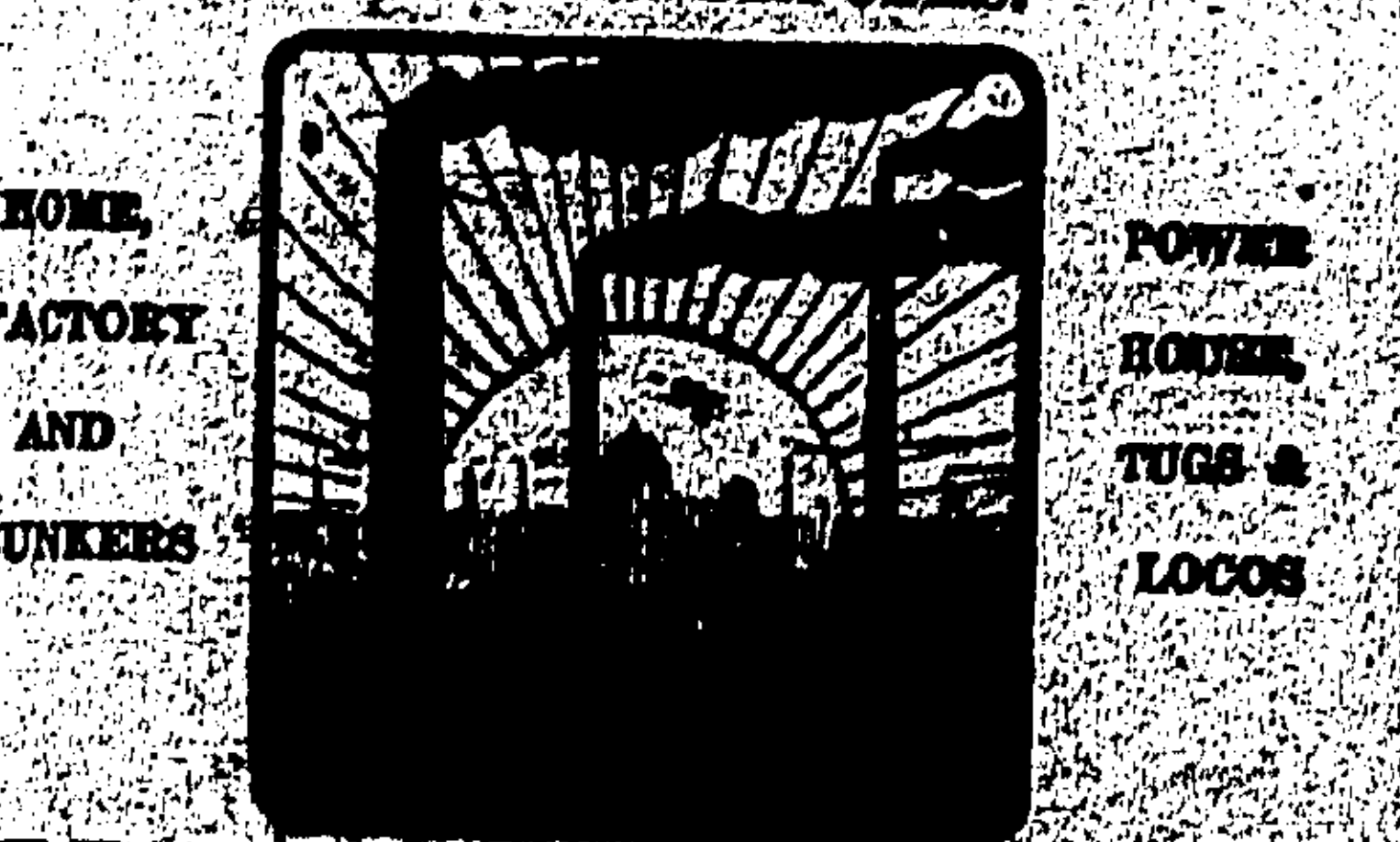
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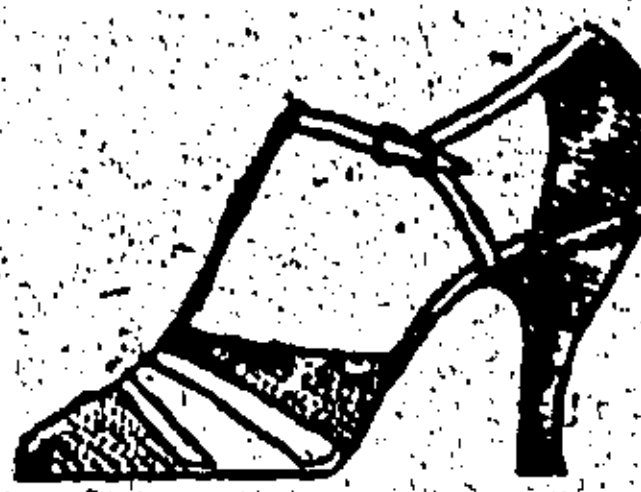
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**"BIG BEN" LOSING MELLOW NOTE?**  
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ENGINEER'S REPORT

London.  
The famous bell in the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament which chimes out the hours from Big Ben—a bell whose sound is known, through the wireless, in every part of the Empire—is now the centre of a controversy.

Big Ben is accused of singing out of tune, of losing that mellow note which has made it the most noted and familiar clock in the world.

"The tone seems harsher than some years ago," says Mr. A. Russell-Smith of Coleman's Hatch, Sussex. "Surely the bell which is waited for and listened to all over the English-speaking world should no longer be allowed to belie the proverb, 'sound as a bell'."

But when a reporter consulted Mr. D. E. Buckney, managing director of E. Dent and Company who looks after the inner mysteries of Big Ben a different story was told. "I don't think anyone will agree with that criticism," he said. "And think what a shame it would be to deprive listeners all over the world

**CANTON FAVOURS RESISTANCE**  
(Continued from Page 1.)

"Wheat was influenced by inflation talk. This market was somewhat nervous and susceptible to swings in sympathy with changing sentiment.

"Cotton prices advanced early in the day, but later, when the weekly weather report was issued, offerings increased greatly and prices yielded under pressure."

Industrial, rail, utility and bond average showed further advance, industrials rising 1.23 to 84.29 while rails rose 1.05 to 40.28. Utilities and bonds advanced .48 and .39 respectively to 28.70 and 82.39.—Reuter.

of the familiar sound of that bell. "For to change the tone it would have to be recast. Then you would get an altered note and no one would recognise it."

"Big Ben is not out of tune, and it has not changed for years. From all over the world we get letters saying how the well-remembered sound of its note, borne perhaps across thousands of miles of land and sea, brings back memories of home."

"It would be a thousand pities to alter a note that is known so far," —Reuter.

**MR. JOHN SWIRE'S DEATH.**  
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Born in 1861, Mr. Swire entered business in 1887, and was a well-known follower of the hounds, being M.F.H. of the Essex Hounds from 1906 to 1910 and joint Master from 1922 to 1926. He was recipient of the Hon. LL.D. of the University of Hong Kong.

All vessels of the China Navigation Company are to-day flying flags at half-mast.

**SILVER STRONG ON WALL ST.**  
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